

Special Issue

Subjective Experiences of Decline and Dementia Risk: Cognitive, Functional, and Emotional Predictors of Cognitive Decline

Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue will explore the association between subjective experiences of decline—cognitive, functional, emotional, and otherwise—and the risk of dementia or cognitive decline in older adults. Subjective Cognitive Decline has gained attention as a potential early marker for dementia, yet the role of subjective complaints extends beyond cognition. Functional limitations, emotional well-being, and other personal perceptions of decline may also serve as early indicators of disease progression, warranting further investigation. This Special Issue aims to gather research that explores the predictive power, validity, and practical applications of older adults' subjective experiences in assessing dementia risk. Contributions may include studies on the diagnostic utility of subjective complaints, approaches to improving predictive models with subjective data, the utility of informant-reported subjective decline, and exploration of barriers in using self-reported complaints across different cohorts. By focusing on these areas, we hope to advance understanding and standardization of subjective complaints as indicators for early intervention.

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